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PRESS RELEASE

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION HONORS HIDALGO COUNTY WITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently recognized Hidalgo County with the 2011 Distinguished Service Award. The honor was presented during a meeting of Commissioners' Court on Tuesday, July 24th.

The award recognizes County Historical Commissions (CHCs) that work toward substantial preservation efforts that lead to a greater understanding of state and local history. These efforts also promote stewardship of our cultural and historic resources, encourage economic development within urban and rural areas of our state, and generate interests in the history and character of Texas.

Unlike most states, Texas counties have the legislative authority to establish CHC's to identify, preserve, and promote cultural and historic resources to enhance the livelihood of their communities. These CHCs are made up of unpaid county appointees who reported more than \$8.6 million statewide in volunteer hours in 2011 towards the preservation of Texas' historic assets.

The THC provides services to CHCs, as well as citizens across the state, to preserve Texas' heritage for the use, education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. The Hidalgo County Historical Commission is made up of 26-appointed members from a variety of backgrounds and professions whose goal is to preserve the rich history of the county.

"We are grateful for the dedication of the members of the Hidalgo County Historical Commission to preserve our County's rich history, and we sincerely congratulate them on this prestigious award," remarked County Judge Ramon Garcia.

For more information about the Distinguished Service Award, visit www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the History Program's Division at 512.463.5853.

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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